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AMENDMENT B

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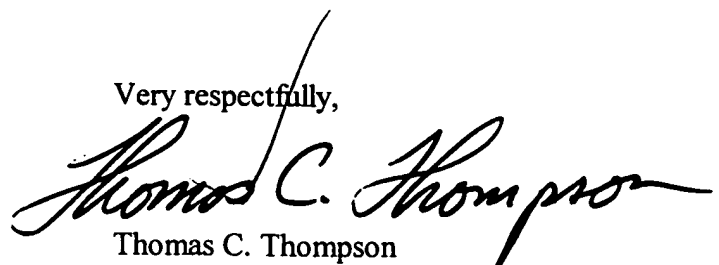
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In response to the Office Action mailed 05/07/01, I have included in this response the following:

1. Copy of the amended claims, including the amended claim 1, line 7, which now defines said right angle bends, as requested by the examiner. The applicant respectfully requests that the examiner insert the following on line 7: "on said bottom of said rafter tabs," after "approximately right angled bends". This is underlined on the enclosed amended claims.
2. The applicant noticed that there are two claim 1's, and claims 2 and 3 are misnumbered on the amended claims. The applicant respectfully requests that the examiner change the number of the second claim 1, the dependent claim, to claim 2. Also, please change old claim 2 to claim 3, and old claim 3 to claim 4. The rest of the claim numbers are correct. These claim numbers have been marked on the enclosed amended claims. No other material has been added.
3. For the examiner's convenience, the applicant has enclosed a clean copy of the amended claims with no brackets or underlines. No new material has been added.
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Very respectfully,


Thomas C. Thompson